

Criteria for Initiating an Environmental Impact Statement

[40 CFR 6.108 & 6.509 , and Executive Order 12898]

Project _____

Reviewer _____

Date _____

The responsible official shall assure that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and issued for actions when it is determined that any of the following conditions exist:

TABLE 1: Criteria for initiating an Environmental Impact Statement	
The Federal action may significantly affect the pattern and type of land use (industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational, residential) or growth and distribution of population.	Yes ____ No ____
The effects resulting from any structure or facility constructed or operated under the proposed action may conflict with local, regional or State land use plans or policies.	Yes ____ No ____
The proposed action may have significant adverse effects on wetlands, including indirect and cumulative effects, or any major part of a structure or facility constructed or operated under the proposed action may be located in wetlands.	Yes ____ No ____
The proposed action may significantly affect threatened and endangered species or their habitats identified in the Department of the Interior's list, in accordance with Sec. 6.302, or a State's list, or a structure or a facility constructed or operated under the proposed action may be located in the habitat.	Yes ____ No ____
Implementation of the proposed action or plan may directly cause or induce changes that significantly displace population.	Yes ____ No ____
Implementation of the proposed action or plan may directly cause or induce changes that significantly alter the character of existing residential areas.	Yes ____ No ____
Implementation of the proposed action or plan may directly cause or induce changes that adversely affect a floodplain.	Yes ____ No ____

Implementation of the proposed action or plan may directly cause or induce changes that adversely affect significant amounts of important farmlands as defined in requirements in Sec. 6.302(c), or agricultural operations on this land.	Yes ____ No ____
The proposed action may, directly, indirectly or cumulatively have significant adverse effect on parklands, preserves, other public lands or areas of recognized scenic, recreational, archaeological, or historic value.	Yes ____ No ____
The Federal action may directly or through induced development have a significant adverse effect upon local ambient air quality, local ambient noise levels, surface water or groundwater quality or quantity, water supply, fish, shellfish, wildlife, and their natural habitats.	Yes ____ No ____
The treated effluent is being discharged into a body of water where the present classification is too lenient or is being challenged as too low to protect present or recent uses, and the effluent will not be of sufficient quality or quantity to meet the requirements of these uses.	Yes ____ No ____
The project is highly controversial.	Yes ____ No ____
The project in conjunction with related Federal, State, local or tribal resource projects produces significant cumulative impacts.	Yes ____ No ____
It is determined that the treatment works may violate federal, State, local or tribal laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.	Yes ____ No ____
The proposed action has a disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and/or low-income populations. [Executive Order 12898]	Yes ____ No ____

If any of the answers to the above questions were “Yes” then an EIS must be prepared, or the project must be modified to eliminate the adverse impacts.

What information/documents were used in making this evaluation (include dates)?
